

Easton Village Newsletter

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FARMER BURTON'S COUNTRY TALK



When I last wrote I still had one field which I hadn't sown with Winter Wheat because the weather broke in November and the field was too wet to continue. I did consider drilling it in one of the hard frosts we had in mid-December but decided to wait and was really pleased I did when we had such a prolonged dry spell allowing me to set my Winter

Wheat in early February. It went in the soil lovely but I had to put it on a lot thicker because the local crows and pigeons will always find it and start pecking up the seeds.

February used to be cold and wet, a month when farm machinery is serviced, workshop tidied and paper work caught up in the farm office. But over the last few years they seem to be getting drier and I applied some Nitrogen fertiliser to the wheats to get them growing after the Winter cold. I don't like to waste any because Nitrogen is now double the price that it was before the war in Ukraine. You may also have seen me in the village cutting the hedges so that the hedges keep 'tight' and stockproof. I try to all this done before the songbirds start to nest.

While working this week James and I saw a Chinese Water Deer on our land, a species which we had never seen before on the farm. So now we have Chinese, Muntjac and Roe. We saw a herd of 7 Roe(see pic above)up the hill near Stonely Road while feeding the pheasants about a month ago which was fantastic to see.

The lack of rain is a worry and Grafham Water is still struggling to fill up. I bought a 15,000-litre water tank to collect the water from my farm shed roof

and it never filled up over the Winter, I intend to use this water for spraying pesticides on my crops. The long-term weather is still talking about the possibility of cold weather for March but let's hope it won't be another 'Beast from the East'!

Food security in the UK has been hitting the news lately with supermarkets struggling to fill shelves with veg. I hope you will all try to buy British and seasonal food.

Time to get walking again!

John Harris

The Parish Council received the following information from John Harris owner and producer of Walking in England, which may be of interest to all walkers in the village:

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Cambridgeshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cambridge> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more.

There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cambridgeshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking

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John Maith

The final winner in the 2022/23 year was Caroline Perry with number 25, congratulations Caroline. Thus, the winners this year in chronological order were Claire & Michael Lawson; Pam & Phil Bell; Malcolm & Margaret Halliday; Claire & Michael Lawson; Claire Lawrence; Rachael Mawson & Dave Palmer; Ruth Brooks; Helen Mayer; Maureen O'Brien; Chris & Jeanette Charlton; Ruth Brooks and Caroline Perry. At the time of writing, I have nearly finished my rounds of the village and would like to thank all for your continued support. If anyone would like a number, please contact me at maiths60@hotmail.com and I will provide a number. It is £12 per number per annum and each month on

the final Saturday the Lotto bonus ball is used to find our winner who will receive £25. The first draw of the 2023/24 year will be on Saturday 25th February, good luck to all.

LITTER

MIKE BAKER

Sadly, more litter has been dumped at the side of the road. Thanks to those walkers who pick up litter. Charles and Melissa have been seen with big plastic bags on the Easton Road North of the village and Jim has been spotted litter picking on the Stonely Road. It has been reported that a number of wine bottles all empty have been found. It would appear we have litter louts with more sophisticated drinking habits

MOTHERING SUNDAY 19th MARCH

Easton PCC

You are warmly invited to a special service at St. Peters Church at 10. 30a.m. on Sunday March 19th

There will be flowers from the children for all the ladies in the congregation and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please bring your families and friends to join us for this special occasion.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

30th MARCH 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

The chair of the Parish Council and other village organisations generally give an overview of the year at the Annual Parish Meeting which is the open meeting for all parishioners who are also welcome to say or ask any question on anything they consider important to the residents of the Parish.

Should anyone require any particular item included or wish any more specific information please advise the query by 17/03/2023 to the clerk to the Parish Council.

email: clerk_eastonpc@yahoo.co.uk or leave a telephone message

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Julia Cox

Monday 24th April at 7:00pm in St Peter's Church, Easton. All are welcome at this meeting and your support would be very much appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Church wardens and PCC members will be elected and reports given on the activities in the church and its finances. All those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the meeting: a list of those already on the Roll will be displayed on the noticeboard inside the church porch prior to the

meeting. If you would like your name to be added to the roll please contact Julia Cox on 896652 or j.cox397@btinternet.com

LENT STUDY GROUP

Julia Cox

A Lent Study Group is being held at Hartham House, Stonely Road on the five Thursday afternoons in the lead up to Easter week. The first is on March 2nd, starting at 2pm. You are welcome to come to all or any session(s) and enjoy a lively discussion and a cuppa. If you want more information, please do get in contact at j.cox397@btinternet.com.

Church Services in March

Sunday 5th March 09.30	Spaldwick	Morning Worship
Sunday 5th March 10.45	Kimbolton	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Sunday 12th March 10.45	Easton	Parish Communion
Sunday 12th March 10.45	Kimbolton	Family Service
Sunday 19th March 9.30	Spaldwick	Mothering Sunday
Sunday 19th March 09:30	Easton	Mothering Sunday

For further information on Church Services please visit.

<https://www.kymchurch.org.uk/wp2/index.php/church-services/>

Reverend Philip Howson - Vicar of St. Peter's Church Easton

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Deadline for the next Newsletter is 27th March 2023